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## FRANCO-BRITISH GRIP IS TIGHTENING ON COMBLES

French, After Taking Position, Raid Trenches and Capture Prisoners. Reports from Other Sectors in War Show Few Changes.

(By Associated Press.)  
Apparently the Franco-British forces on the Somme are preparing to close their grip on Combles.

Last night the French war office reported the capture of a small fortified position and some trench sections close to Combles and today it announced that French patrols have reached still nearer the edge of the town, returning with a number of prisoners.

On the French front south of the Somme the artillery is active, probably in preparation for assaults.

Airmen on both French and British sections of the line have been busy. Yesterday French aviators took part in 58 aerial engagements in which four German machines were shot down. British naval planes have inflicted notable damage upon the aerodromes at St. Denis Westrom, according to the British official report.

A French aviator has visited the Rhine region and dropped bombs in the forest and also at Mannheim, where earlier reports large damage and while Paris reports large damage and the Greek situation continues complex. Athens reports that definite proposals have been made to the senate, acceptance of which will insure the entry of Greece into the war. Premier Venizelos is reported as saying that if the government is controlled by the court body will not act, the nation itself must defend its interests.

The revolution fever is reported as spreading, but a mutiny on one of the vessels of the Greek navy is declared to have been quelled.

55,000 Captured on Somme  
It is announced officially in Paris that the number of prisoners taken by the Anglo-French forces on the Somme from July 1 to September 18 amounted to more than 55,000. Of these 24,000 fell into the hands of the French.

Berlin reports no activity on the western front.

German and Rumanian reports as to the progress of results of the battle in Dobruja conflict. In contradiction of the announcement from Hunburg that the forces of the Central powers were falling back, Berlin declares that Field Marshal von Mackensen has, by an encircling movement, broken the resistance of the Rumanians and compelled them to retreat. Berlin says strong Rumanian forces were repulsed South of Tuzla, 14 miles south of Constantza on the Black sea coast.

Berlin and Vienna admit a reverse in the Carpathians in the Russian capture of the summit of Mount Streeb, which previously had changed hands many times, but declared Russian attacks in Volhynia and Southern Bukovina were checked. West of Latak in Volhynia, the Germans again repulsed Russian attacks, capturing 95 prisoners and several machine guns, according to Berlin and Russian assaults in Galicia North of Zboroff and in the region of Dorna Watra on the border of Bukovina and Rumania were frustrated.

Both British and French troops continue to make progress in North-west Macedonia. The Serbians are advancing in the Broda River region and the French are pushing forward north of Florina, toward Monsarist. A Bulgarian attack on Zboroff was checked by the entente forces. Berlin and Sofia report no activity in Macedonia.

An entente transport and a French submarine have fallen victims to a German submarine and an Austro-Hungarian aeroplane respectively. The transport reported by Berlin as "completely filled" was sunk in the Mediterranean September 17. Bombs from the aeroplane sank the submarine in the Southern Adriatic. The 20 members of the crew were captured and made prisoner.

Reports in London are that a German seaplane dropped 300 bombs on Dover, England, tonight. No casualties resulted. The British warships have bombarded Bulgarian positions near the mouth of the Struma River in Macedonia.

## GOOD ROADS RALLY IN LOVELADY TODAY

A farmer's picnic was held at James R. Hoffman's store in the Lovelady section of Lovelady township, Burke county, in the interest of good roads. The election will be held on Saturday, September 30 and it is believed the bonds will carry. Messrs. J. D. Elliott, W. A. Self, A. K. Joy, B. F. Campbell and John W. Robinson went from Hickory to make speeches in the cause.

Dr. Hight C. Moore of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Mr. Archibald Johnson of Thomasville, editor of Chariot and Children passed through Hickory last evening en route home from the mountains.

## AUSTRIAN AND ITALIANS TRIED TO BURN PORT

(By Associated Press.)  
Rome, Sept. 23.—An Austrian spy named Larace and two Italians have been condemned to be shot in their attack by the Ancona court martial for complicity in the attempt to burn the port of Ancona. With this conspiracy, it seems, were connected explosions in munition factories in Milan and elsewhere, aggregating in damage a total of several millions of dollars.

The Austrian, who was at the head of the plot, sought out Italian criminals, gaining an ascendancy over them so that he could command their cooperation for only nominal sums. In one case the price for an attempt to blow up one of Italy's greatest steel works at Terni was about \$80,000. This attempt had been successful, it would have retarded military operations for several months.

Larace had in his possession when arrested eight jointed walking sticks of about the size of a man's little finger, pointed at a person filled with dynamite. They were hidden in umbrellas when he tried to escape. These dynamite cases had no time fuses, but were so arranged as to explode a few weeks after being placed in position.

## TAR HEEL BOYS ARE LEAVING STATE

(By Associated Press.)  
Morehead City, Sept. 23.—It was expected at Camp Glenn that the first detachment of North Carolina national guards would leave the state today. The departure of the troops has been delayed pending the arrival of wooden goods and overcoats. A carload arrived last night and was distributed today.

The first train was expected to go through Wilmington and Augusta.

WERE ANXIOUS TO GO  
Messrs. Walker Lyerly and Eubert Lyerly, Hugh S. D'Anna, H. P. Ciley and W. X. Reid returned from Camp Glenn, where they spent two nights and a day with relatives and friends in Company A. It was expected that the boys would entrain this afternoon or tomorrow, the cavalry and hospital corps leaving first.

The Hickory gentlemen left here Tuesday night at 10:20 in an automobile and drove through, making several stops to repair the machine, and reached camp at midnight Wednesday. They left Morehead City yesterday morning at 6:15 and arrived here this morning at 8 o'clock. The distance each way was 388 miles. During the return trip the party ran into a heavy rain between Durham and Greensboro. They traveled during two whole nights, every member taking a turn at the wheel. They were little stiff today, and some tanned, but declared the trip was worth all it cost.

"And if I could feed on the good things these soldiers have," remarked Mr. Walker Lyerly, "I would weigh 2,000 pounds. They have the best steak in the world and all the fish they want and everything else that is good."

Mr. Lyerly said the soldiers were well and hearty and anxious for one trip to the border, where they will be assigned for duty. The address will be Co. A, First Infantry, and all persons who expect to send mail to the men will assure the letters of reaching destination by marking them plainly.

## PORTUGUESE INVADING GERMAN TERRITORY

(By Associated Press.)  
Lisbon, Portugal, via Paris, Sept. 23.—An extensive invasion of German east Africa by Portuguese troops is reported in a statement by the Portuguese war office.

## BISHOP KILGO WILL DEDICATE NEW CHURCH

Mooreville, Sept. 23.—The Mooreville Methodist church will be dedicated to the Western North Carolina conference on Sunday, October 1. Bishop John C. Kilgo of Charlotte will preach the dedicatory sermon. This day will be set apart as one of prayer and thanksgiving on the part of those who have worked hard and earnestly for the payment of the church debt, to some of whom it meant great sacrifices.

## STEEL REACHES ANOTHER BIG LEVEL QUIT WORK LATER

(By Associated Press.)  
New York, Sept. 23.—For a week-end market today's two hour session was probably without parallel. Trading in the first hour amounted to half a million shares with no diminution at the end of trading.

There were numerous spectacular features, but all were eclipsed by the further rise in United States Steel, which touched 117 1/2, a new record, shortly after 11 o'clock. Other issues rose to the highest in the list, but the movement was not uniform, with many trades ever been called. Its maximum result would be the calling out of 700,000 workers. Leaders of the movement refrained from calling it a sympathetic strike.

It is asserted that no such action heretofore has been taken by trade unions in the country, nor has a strike involved so many trades ever been called. Its maximum result would be the calling out of 700,000 workers. Leaders of the movement refrained from calling it a sympathetic strike. They declared that many laboring men have already ratified their recommendations and that any union men who refuse to quit will be a traitor.

The call for cessation of work is based on grievances of the affiliated unions who declined to ride on cars manned by non union conductors and motormen under the protection of the police. Statements issued by leaders indicated that they are incensed by Mayor Mitchell's warning that he stood ready to use the military power to restrain violence and that they considered the city to be dominated by the traction interests.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY IS COMING

The Reformed congregation will entertain on October 11 and 12 the Woman's Missionary Society of the Synod of the Potomac. This meeting will be composed of representatives from the classical societies of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and parts of Pennsylvania. Several distinguished women of the Reformed church will be present and among them will be Mrs. W. E. Hoy of Chicago who will speak on the night of October 11.

This is the first time this society has ever met in this south and Hickory feels honored in having them meet here.

## WILSON MAKES CAMPAIGN TALKS

(By Associated Press.)  
Long Branch, Sept. 23.—President Wilson's program today calls for the first of a series of "porch speeches" he plans to deliver at Shadow Lawn in the interest of his campaign.

He plans to deliver the first on the general attitude of the American public to business. The public will be admitted to the speaking.

Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to London, who arrived here last night remained over today to discuss with the president British interference with mails and trade.

The president today accepted an invitation to deliver an address at Omaha, Neb., October 7.

## MACKENSEN'S ARMY REPORTED IN RETREAT

(By Associated Press.)  
Rome, via London, Sept. 23.—The retreat of the German army under Field Marshal von Mackensen in the Rumanian province of Dobruja continues, according to a telegram received by the wireless press today from Switzerland. The Rumanian town recently captured by the Germans and Bulgarians is said to have been abandoned.

## CANNIBALS MURDERED SIX PERSONS IN ISLANDS

(By Associated Press.)  
Sydney, Australia, Sept. 23.—A steamer arriving from the New Hebrides Group, about 900 miles off the northeastern coast of Australia, has brought news of the murder of six persons by cannibals. The victims were a British trader named R. J. Bridges, and at least five children, whose bodies were found fearfully mutilated with axes and knives, and another child, who is missing, is believed to have been carried off by the cannibals and fastened upon. The murderers were thought to have come from a village on Malekula Island, where there are tribes of cannibals who are bound by native custom to kill a human being in order to keep up their rank.

The failure of the French and British punitive expeditions just before the outbreak of the European war to capture any of the perpetrators of similar crimes, and their immunity from punishment for two years past on account of the war, is thought recently to have emboldened the cannibals.

## UNION MEN TO HARD TO SECURE RECRUITS FOR U. S. ARMY

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 23.—The first reward of \$5, for regular army recruits secured by postmasters under the new army law, the war department announced today, have been made to William J. O'Donley of Ulica, Okla., and Joseph M. Pitman of Greensburg, La.

War department officials frankly described the new recruiting system as the "last test of volunteer enlistment." They pointed out that in the payment of five dollar premium for each recruit the government has made a supreme effort to obtain its soldiers without resorting to compulsory training. They predict that should the plain folk they would have to resort to some kind of compulsory military system.

BOSTON MAINTAINS  
LEAD IN HOT RACE  
(By Associated Press.)  
Chicago, Sept. 23.—Boston still maintains its lead of two and a half games over Chicago, with Detroit half a game behind Chicago, in the contest for the championship of the American League. As all three leaders won yesterday, there were no changes in the relative positions.

In the National League Brooklyn is entrenched in first place two and a half games ahead of Philadelphia and five and a half games ahead of Boston. Brooklyn and Philadelphia each have 13 games to play and Boston has 17.

## HOLIDAY OBSERVED BY COMMISSIONERS

(By Associated Press.)  
New London, Sept. 23.—No joint meeting of the Mexican-American commissioners was held here today. Secretary Lane and Judge Gray of the American delegation planned a cruise and the other members of the joint body are in New York and Boston.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Messrs. P. A. Setzer and O. G. Wolfe are spending the day near Bridgewater, engaged in the gentle art of angling for bass.

Mr. J. P. Burns returned today from a business trip to Washington and Baltimore.

Miss Edna Shuford will spend Sunday with Miss Annie Little in Conover.

Mr. and Mrs. John Regan said it hailed as they came down the mountain yesterday and it most froze them.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, who has been conducting a series of meetings at Grandview school since the early part of the week, will bring the services to a close tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Unusual interest has been aroused in the meetings with the result that numbers of men and women have been helped.

Mrs. L. W. Martin this morning received a message from Winston-Salem announcing the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Annie Martin, which occurred early today. Mrs. L. W. Martin will be unable to attend the funeral. The deceased was about 75 years of age and death was due to pneumonia. Her husband died two years ago, and she is survived by several children, all of whom have made successes in business.

Mrs. A. R. Lanney and Miss I. G. Lanney of Savannah, Ga., who have been the charming guests of Mrs. J. L. Riddle, left this morning for Hot Springs, Ark., where they will spend a month before returning to Savannah.

The two class rooms and library being erected by the Baraca and Philathia churches of the Methodist church will be completed by the third Sunday in October. The young men and women of these two classes have raised the funds themselves and will have beautiful rooms and a library.

## DENY THAT ENGLISH ARE REPLACING IRISH

(By Associated Press.)  
Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 23.—The charge that the Irish regiments, and particularly the Dublin Fusiliers are being filled up from reserves of Englishmen and Scotsmen, is repudiated by the colonial lately commanding the Dublin Fusiliers. He said he recruited from the commercial young men. There are, he says, not twenty men in the battalion who are not Irish, and these had come in because they had Irish friends in it.

Irishmen who had been serving in English regiments had applied for transfer to the Dublin and this may have given rise to the charge. Some English regiments have been recruited almost entirely from the Irish in England, notably the Tyneside Irish which was officially called the Northumberland Fusiliers in the lists of the 18th London regiment. The casualty lists of Scottish Highland regiments show a large proportion of Irish names.

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Sunday; gentle, variable winds.

## COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Sept. 22 1916 1915  
Maximum 87 71  
Minimum 51 44  
Mean 69 57 1/2

## HICKORY SCHOOLS BEGIN TERM WITH MANY PUPILS

Indications Point to More Than Thousand Students When all Children Attend—Opening Today was Devoted to Assigning Children to Classes.

## COASTWISE STEAMER GOES ASHORE IN FOG

(By Associated Press.)  
Portland, Me., Sept. 23.—The Eastern Steamship Corporation steamer Bay State, bound from Boston for Portland, went ashore on Haycomb beach, just off the tip of Cape Elizabeth during a heavy fog today. The 250 passengers were taken off in life boats. The steamer lies high and dry in a dangerous position. The crew of 60 men remained aboard the vessel.

## MODERATE WEATHER FOR COMING WEEK

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Sept. 23.—Generally fair weather and moderate temperatures will prevail in the southeastern states during the week beginning tomorrow, according to the weather bureau's weekly forecast issued today. There are no disturbances in the tropics.

## BOTH FLANKS OF TEUTONS ARE ATTACKED

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, via London, Sept. 23.—Russian troops in Dobruja have been attacking Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces on both flanks of the battle line, according to the announcement of the war office today. The attack on one flank near Danube and the other southwest of Sarai, 14 miles southwest of Constantza, where repulsed.

## GERMANS CLAIMING SUCCESSSES IN EAST

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, via wireless, Sept. 23.—Bulgarian successes in the Macedonian front on the extreme westerly end of the line and east of the Vardar are announced in the Bulgarian official statement of September 22. Trenches between Florina and Lake Pruspa were captured in the Vardar region and attacks by entente forces were repulsed.

Now, since the franchise has been settled, the citizens on Eighth street feel confident they will get the lights asked for, which are so greatly needed.

## Program for Dedication of Volunteers' Home on Thursday Afternoon



The program for the dedication of the Volunteers' Home next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock has been arranged by Capt. D. G. Coy in charge of the work here and includes some interesting numbers. Several of the ministers of the city are on the program, which is as follows: Rev. J. L. Murphy, chairman,

With 750 pupils enrolled in the three white schools—435 in the North, 245 in the South and 70 in the Claremont building—indications were this afternoon that the enrollment would be at least 100 greater than last year. At the end of the first week last year there were 700 students enrolled in the two white schools, but this newspaper has no report on the enrollment at that time in the colored schools, attendance of 175. The total enrollment is 925.

The record was made today in spite of the recent scarlet fever scare. In spite of the fact that it was Saturday, and the further fact that a number of children are known to be out of town. After one week last year, the enrollment was only 12 greater than on the opening day this year. Over a thousand children will attend this year.

The work of inspecting the children was finished yesterday afternoon, more than 700 being on hand. The doctors of Hickory gave their service free and Superintendent McIntosh and the school authorities feel very grateful to them.

The following enrollment is reported from the various schools of the city:

North school	435
South School	245
Claremont College	70
Colored School	175
Total	925

The examination held at the North school Friday revealed but a very few suspicious cases, none of which could be positively pronounced as scarlet fever. All children attending the organization of the schools this morning were required to present a certificate of health, and the same policy will be followed until the scarlet fever situation definitely works itself out. Children who did not enter the schools today may do so Monday, but none will be admitted whose health certificates are more than three days old.

Early next week full announcements will be made as to the time limit for the entrance of children into the first grade, and the conditions under which children may enter higher grades, etc.

## BAD WEATHER HALTS CAMPAIGN IN ORIENT

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Sept. 23.—The French communication on the progress of hostilities along the Macedonian front given out by the war office this afternoon says:

"Bad weather has interfered with operations all along the front in the orient and there have been only a few skirmishes in the vicinity of Doiran lake. No infantry activity has been reported."

The Junior Aid Society of the First Methodist church will have a business meeting and social meeting with Miss Mabe, Height Tuesday evening, Sept. 26 at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present at this important meeting.

Song—Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

Prayer—Capt. D. G. Coy.

Remarks by Rev. J. G. Garth.

Song—Rescue the Perishing.

Remarks by Rev. J. D. Harte.

Quartet—A Little bit of Love.

Remarks by Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Prayer by Rev. A. L. Stanford.

Benediction.